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In re Application of:)
Jota FUKUHARA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2813
Application No.: 10/635,676) Examiner: Blum, David S.
Filed: August 7, 2003) Confirmation No. 1779
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 27, 2005, the period for response to which extends through January 27, 2006, Applicants propose amending the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are made in the attached replacement sheet and are discussed at page 7 and in the **Remarks** section of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Attachments to this Amendment: One (1) sheet of drawings, labeled "Replacement Sheet," containing amended Figs. 14 and 15.